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Assignee:

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For good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, ASSIGNOR, EDWARD R. ROWE, hereby sells, assigns, and transfers to Adobe Systems Incorporated, a Delaware Corporation, having offices located at 345 Park Avenue, San Jose, California 95110-2704, and its successors, assigns and legal representatives (collectively, "ASSIGNEE") all of the right, title and interest of ASSIGNOR throughout the world in and to any and all Inventions and improvements which are the subject of a patent document entitled

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- (b) U.S. patent application filed on _____
[] under Application No. _____
[] with Express Mail No. _____ (Application Number not yet known).
- (c) U.S. Patent No.: _____, issued _____.

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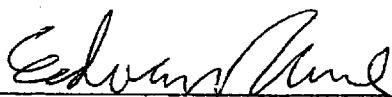
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Signature of Inventor

5th day of October, 2001



Edward R. Rowe

STATE OF California }
County of Santa Clara } ss.

On Oct. 5, 2001, before me, Angie Peckham, a Notary Public for the State of California, personally appeared Edward R. Rowe, personally known to me or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that he/she executed the same in his/her authorized capacity, and that by his/her signature on the instrument the person, or the entity upon behalf of which the person acted, executed the instrument.

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